

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph from page 10, line 25 to page 11, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1
- A preferred catalyst for use in the olefin isomerization process is disclosed and described in U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/863,973 filed concurrently herewith, which is herein incorporated by reference. -

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for activating a basic metal oxide double bond isomerization catalyst which comprises at least one step of contacting the basic metal oxide catalyst ~~no~~ under activation conditions with a dry inert gas containing ~~not~~ more than about 5 ppm molecular oxygen by volume.

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10. (Amended) A basic metal oxide catalyst for double bond isomerization treated in accordance with the process of claim 1 and having substantially no activity-affecting amount of water or carbon dioxide.

Please add new claims 22 and 23 as follows: